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YAVAPAI REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

CHILD CARE CONFERENCES

REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION

RFGA # FTF-RC022-11-0295-00

FACT SHEET

WHAT IS THE FIRST THINGS FIRST YAVAPAI REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL CHILD CARE CONFERENCES GRANT PROGRAM?

First Things First is soliciting applications to implement Child Care Conferences in the Yavapai Region. This includes selecting relevant and research-based training topics and curricula, arranging for qualified presenters and centralized locations, developing marketing materials, providing outreach to child care and other appropriate early childhood service providers and conducting the conferences.

Successful Applicants should incorporate the best-practice principles for community-based professional development as identified in the First Things First Community-Based Professional Development for Early Care and Education Professionals Standards of Practice.

The Yavapai Regional Partnership Council would like to ensure that the early care and education providers working throughout the region have access to Child Care Conferences. In order for the Conferences to be accessible to the most providers, the Applicant is expected to propose a model that minimizes barriers to participation. Child Care Conferences should be provided free of charge or at an affordable cost to attendees. Conference locations should be carefully considered to ensure the greatest access. Locations that allow for satellite/remote participation are preferable. Other incentives to participation may also be proposed, including travel stipends. If travel stipends are included in the program design, the Applicant will be responsible for reviewing requests and making stipend awards based on established criteria. In no way, will stipends supplant other professional development resources and opportunities that exist in the region.

The target number of Child Care Conferences to be provided is at least one (1) per year, to serve a minimum of 75 child care providers.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

Approximately \$25,000 is available in this Request for Grant Application. Contract renewal will be contingent upon satisfactory contract performance, evaluation and availability of funds.

The anticipated contract period for any resultant grant will be August 1, 2010 - to June 30, 2011.

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS

April 7, 2010	RFGA available on-line
April 15, 2010	Pre-Application Conference 1:00 p.m. at Yavapai College, Building 30, Room 109, 1100 East Sheldon Street, Prescott, Arizona 86301.
May 21, 2010	Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 10:00 a.m.
August 1, 2010	Anticipated grant awards made

HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE RFGA

Please visit the First Things First web site on or after April 7, 2010: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

QUESTIONS?

All questions must be submitted in writing and include **RFGA # FTF-RC022-11-0295-00** in the subject line of the email or on the cover sheet of the fax.

Questions should be submitted to the Grants and Contracts Procurement Specialist via email at grants@azftf.gov or via fax at (602) 265-0009.